

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The gateway apparatus has an IP address table that relates a plurality of apparatuses, each of which is one of components constructing a home network, to IP addresses respectively assigned to the apparatuses to store, a reception section that receives data with a destination indicative of one of the apparatuses constructing the home network, a recognition section that recognizes the apparatus with an IP address matching the IP address indicative of the destination contained in received data using the IP address table, and a distribution section that transmits the received data to the recognized apparatus.

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